

1 THE EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION FOR WHICH AND
2 EXCLUSIVE PROPERTY OR PRIVILEGE IS CLAIMS ARE DEFINED AS
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5 1. Apparatus for administration of a PC-Server, the PC-Server having
6 an architecture which outputs console data to a data bus for read and write
7 functions to peripherals including a display adapter, and having an input interface,
8 comprising:

9 (a) an adapter on the bus which emulates a display adapter to an
10 extent necessary to receive display data from the PC-Server's bus;

11 (b) means for extracting the display data from the adapter;

12 (c) means for transmitting the display data to a remote user;

13 (d) means for receiving data from the remote user representing input
14 commands to the PC-Server; and

15 (e) means for transmitting input commands to, and compatible with,
16 the PC-Server input interface.

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18 2. The administration apparatus as recited in claim 1 wherein the
19 adapter is capable of determining the form of the display data being written from the
20 bus.

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22 3. The administration apparatus as recited in claim 1 wherein the
23 adapter emulates at least a video frame buffer of a display adapter.

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4. The administration apparatus as recited in claim 3 wherein the adapter emulates at least video frame buffer and a video controller of a display adapter.

5. The administration apparatus as recited in claim 1 further comprising a microprocessor for extracting the display data from the adapter and for converting it to a stream compatible for transmission to a remote user.

6. The administration apparatus as recited in claim 1 wherein the display data is graphical, further comprising means for converting the graphical display data to textual display data for transmission to a remote user.

7. The administration apparatus as recited in claim 1 wherein the means for transmitting the display data and the means for receiving input commands are one or more serial devices.

8. The administration apparatus as recited in claim 1 wherein the means for transmitting the input commands to the PC-Server input interface comprise means for emulating commands compatible with a keyboard input interface.

1 9. The administration apparatus as recited in claim 8 wherein the
2 keyboard input interface is a serial device.

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4 10.The administration apparatus as recited in claim 9 wherein the
5 keyboard input interface is a keyboard jack.

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7 11.The administration apparatus as recited in claim 8 wherein the
8 input interface is a wireless device.

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10 12.The administration apparatus as recited in claim 1 wherein the PC-
11 Server has a hardware reset switch, further comprising:

12 (a) means for determining if a received input command is a reset
13 command; and

14 (b) means for actuating the hardware reset of the PC-Server.

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16 13.The administration apparatus as recited in claim 12 wherein a
17 microprocessor determines if an input command is a reset command and actuates a
18 relay for actuating the hardware reset of the PC-Server.

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1 14.The administration apparatus as recited in claim 12 further
2 comprising:

3 (a) means for a setting a hook in the PC-Server operating system for
4 periodically writing a predetermined string on the bus to a specified watchdog
5 address on the adapter;

6 (b) a microprocessor for associated with the adapter for timing the
7 duration between sequential writing to the watchdog address and comparing the
8 duration to a predetermined time; and

9 (c) actuating the hardware reset of the PC-Server if the duration
10 between sequential writes exceeds the predetermined time.

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12 15.A method of remote user administration of a PC-Server having a
13 data bus for read and write functions to peripherals including a display adapter, and
14 having an input interface, comprising the steps of:

15 (a) providing a peripheral adapter on the bus which emulates the
16 display adapter to an extent necessary to receive display data from the bus and
17 which has a communications device for transmission of data between the PC-
18 Server and the remote user;

19 (b) determining if the bus has written display data to the adapter;

20 (c) extracting the display data from the adapter;

21 (d) transmitting the display data via the communications device to the
22 remote user;

1 (e) receiving input commands from the remote user via the
2 communications device; and

3 (f) transmitting the received input commands to and compatible with
4 the input interface.

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6 16. The method as recited in claim 15 wherein the adapter emulates a
7 video frame buffer of a display adapter.

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9 17. The method as recited in claim 16 wherein the adapter further
10 emulates a video controller of a display adapter.

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12 18. The method as recited in claim 17 further comprising:

13 (a) providing a microprocessor on the adapter;

14 (b) extracting the display data from the adapter with the
15 microprocessor;

16 (c) converting the display data for transmission to a remote user with
17 the microprocessor.

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19 19. The method as recited in claim 18 further comprising converting
20 graphical display data to textual display data before transmission to the remote
21 user.

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1 20.The method as recited in claim 18 further comprising transmitting
2 display data and receiving input commands via a serial communications device.

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4 21.The method as recited in claim 18 further comprising emulating
5 input commands compatible with the input interface using a microprocessor.

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7 22.A method for implementing a speech synthesis system from a PC-
8 Server having a data bus for read and write functions to peripherals including a
9 display adapter, comprising the steps of:

10 (a) providing a speech synthesis device which accepts textual data;

11 (b) providing a peripheral adapter on the bus which emulates a display
12 adapter to an extent necessary to receive display data from the bus and which has
13 a communications device for transmission of data between the PC-Server and the
14 speech synthesis device;

15 (c) determining if the bus has written display data to the adapter;

16 (d) extracting the display data from the adapter; and

17 (e) transmitting the display data via the communications device to the
18 speech synthesis device.

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1 23.The method as recited in claim 22 wherein the PC-Server has a
2 keyboard input interface, further comprising the steps of
3 (a) receiving keyboard commands from a user; and
4 (b) transmitting the received keyboard commands to and compatible
5 with the keyboard input interface.

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7 24.Apparatus for administration of a PC-Server, the PC-Server having
8 an architecture which outputs console data to a data bus for read and write
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10 comprising:

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12 extent necessary to receive display data from the PC-Server's bus;

13 (b) a microprocessor for extracting the display data from the adapter
14 and for converting it to a stream compatible for transmission to a remote user;

15 (c) one or more serial devices for receiving data from the remote user
16 representing input commands to the PC-Server; and

17 (d) an emulator for transmitting input commands to, and compatible
18 with, the PC-Server input interface.

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20 25.The administration apparatus as recited in claim 24 wherein the
21 adapter emulates at least a video frame buffer of a display adapter.

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1 26.The administration apparatus as recited in claim 24 wherein the
2 adapter emulates at least video frame buffer and a video controller of a display
3 adapter.

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5 27.The administration apparatus as recited in claim 24 wherein the
6 display data is graphical and further comprising a converter for converting the
7 graphical display data to textual display data for transmission to a remote user.

8 28.The administration apparatus as recited in claim 24 wherein the
9 PC-Server input interface is a keyboard input interface.